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## MANUFACTURER STATEMENT

Aerodyne wishes to provide an update regarding the ongoing investigation into the recent incident in the United Kingdom. The investigation is being conducted by British Skydiving, with Aerodyne supporting as required. At this stage, the investigation remains ongoing, and the information available does not allow for conclusions to be drawn regarding the cause of the incident or the performance of the equipment.

British Skydiving has issued an interim report outlining the information currently available. Aerodyne refers to this report for details of the findings to date, which reflects the preliminary nature of the investigation and the current limitations in establishing a complete sequence of events.

Investigations of this nature are complex and may take considerable time. It is also possible that a single, definitive cause may not be established. Aerodyne has not yet had direct access to the equipment involved and understands that it remains under the control of the relevant authorities. Aerodyne is continuing to work in cooperation with British Skydiving and will be present in the UK to support further stages of the investigation.

### Regarding Community Discussion / Social Media

Aerodyne is aware of the high level of engagement and discussion within the skydiving community. While this reflects a shared commitment to safety, it is important to recognize that early-stage information is often incomplete and subject to change as investigations progress.

### AAD Cutter Placement

As previously communicated in Technical Bulletin [TB-250122](#) (2022), Aerodyne identified AAD cutter placement as a configuration consideration based on internal testing. At that time, a recommendation was issued to position the cutter above the reserve pilot chute for certain configurations.

Both cutter positions have been tested and approved, and the system has been in service for many years with successful reserve activations in operational conditions.

In line with ongoing product evaluation and to promote consistency in field configuration across different operating environments and jurisdictions, Aerodyne has decided to update the status of this bulletin from Recommended to Mandatory. This step is intended to support a consistent approach across the global user community. A separate bulletin outlining this update will be issued.

This action reflects Aerodyne's continued commitment to product development and consistent system configuration across the world.

### Conclusion

Aerodyne remains committed to supporting the investigation process and to maintaining the highest standards of safety, quality, and performance across all its systems.

We will continue to work closely with British Skydiving and relevant parties as the investigation progresses, and to review any information as it becomes available.

At the same time, Aerodyne will continue its ongoing product evaluation and support of the global user base, while continuing our focus on consistency, reliability, and safe operation across all environments.

### Aerodyne Team